

# FEMA: Week in Review



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## Announcements

### Plaquemines Parish Emergency Management System Benefits From Flexible FEMA Grant

On July 27, 2012, FEMA announced \$582,000 in consolidated federal funding to Plaquemines Parish for contents damaged during Hurricane Katrina throughout several of their emergency management system buildings.

"Our recent funding approves this request, providing Plaquemines Parish the flexible recovery support necessary to purchase new contents to meet their overarching, post-Katrina EMS needs," said FEMA's Louisiana Recovery Office Deputy Director of Programs Andre Cadogan.

Before, Plaquemines Parish needed to replace damaged contents "item for item" when using federal dollars, whereas this new approach allows them to buy similar items within five agreed upon categories.

"This is another example of the great team work that FEMA is doing. Because of these efforts we have made great progress in rebuilding our great parish. I am thankful for the ongoing relationship we have with the people at FEMA," said Plaquemines Parish President Billy Nungesser.

To date, including this recent consolidated grant, FEMA has provided approximately \$808.5 million for hurricanes Katrina and Rita recovery efforts throughout Plaquemines Parish.

### St. Roch Market Groundbreaking Ceremony Held in New Orleans

Last week, officials joined community members to break ground at the St. Roch Market on St. Claude Avenue between the St. Roch and Marigny neighborhoods. The St. Roch Market was constructed in 1875 and was most recently used as seafood market prior to Hurricane Katrina.

The building suffered from heavy winds and rain damage as well as a foot and a half of flood water during Katrina. FEMA has obligated \$939,548 for repairs. The city of New Orleans has expanded the scope of project repairs to include code and standards upgrades and improvements that will be funded through a Community Development Block Grant.



LRO Executive Director Joe Threat addresses the public during the groundbreaking ceremony of the St. Roch Market.

City officials indicate that they intend to execute a historic restoration to the facility and operate it as a market similar to its original function, including 12 stalls for multiple end users along with a new restaurant with outdoor dining.

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## NEW [FEMA.gov](http://www.fema.gov)

### LAUNCHED

After nearly two years in development, FEMA recently unveiled its new, Drupal-based [website](http://www.fema.gov). Improvements include:

- ◇ Updated menus that present key topics and sub-topics
- ◇ Inclusion of breadcrumbs to assist in navigation
- ◇ Improved search capability along with results filter
- ◇ Increased accessibility and usability to meet functional needs

In the coming months, the agency will also be updating the mobile version of the website ([m.fema.gov](http://m.fema.gov)).

[www.Ready.gov](http://www.Ready.gov)

## Calendar

**Aug. 2-4:** 2012 Louisiana Municipal Association Conference, Lake Charles, La.

**Aug. 6:** Plaquemines Parish School Board Faculty Housing Complex Ribbon-cutting Ceremony, Buras, La.

**Aug. 7-9:** FEMA [National Preparedness Symposium](http://www.fema.gov), Crystal City, Va.

**Aug. 10:** Application deadline for [Staffing For Adequate Fire & Emergency Response](http://www.fema.gov) (SAFER) Grants

**Aug. 16:** FEMA Youth Preparedness Workshop, Austin, Texas

**Aug. 29:** Seventh Anniversary of Hurricane Katrina

## Housing Update

No Remaining Units

